Retail Outlets and LPG Agencies in Gujarat

3527. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for allotement of new petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG distributorships in Gujarat pending with the Union Government; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to expedite clearance of those applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b). A large number of applications are received regularly by Government. No separate records of such applications are maintained. Efforts are constantly on to provide new petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG distributorships wherever required subject to product availability under various Marketing Plans.

Cultivation of Mentha

3528. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce any scheme to encourage the cultivation of Mentha; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Government have no proposal at present. However, programmes for the development of improved varieties with more oil content, improved agronomic practices, control of insects, pests and diseases etc. have been taken up by Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Council of Scientific Industrial Research to encourage the cultivation of Mentha.

[*English*]

Exchange of Enclaves Between India and Bangaladeh

3529. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of enclaves which India has in Bangladesh and their area;

(b) similar details of such enclaves which Bangladesh has in India;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of both the Government to exchange these enclaves; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). There are 130 Indian enclaves measuring approximately 32.75 sq. miles in Bangladesh and 95 Bangladesh enclaves measuring approximately 19.20 sq. miles in India.

(c) and (d). According to the Land Boundary Agreement of May, 1974 signed between the Prime Ministers of India and Bangladesh the Indian and Bangladesh enclaves are to be exchanged.

External Affairs Minister's Visit to Moscow

3530. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:
SHRI RABI RAY:
SHRI HARIBHAI M. PATEL:
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:
SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: